

THREE
PATENTS
CONCERNING
THE HONOVRABLE
DEGREE AND DIGNITIE
OF BARONETS,

(6.)

THE first containing the Creation
and Grant.

THE second a decree with addition
of other Priuiledges.

THE thirde a confirmation and
explanation.



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THE
PATENT
CONCERNING
THE HONORABLE
GERMAN DENTIST
OF BARRONET

The following concerning the creation of
the German Dentist of Baronet
The second article of the
original privilege.



THE
LIBRARY
OF
THE
HONORABLE
GERMAN
DENTIST
OF
BARRONET

Baronet's Library
The second article of the
original privilege.

THE
P R E C E D E N T
O F T H E P A T E N T
o f C r e a t i o n o f *Baronets.*



Ex am p i b u s ad
quos , &c. *Salu
tem.* C V M inter
alias Imperij nostri ge
rendi curas , quibus a
nimus noster affidue
erectur, illa non minima sit, nec minimi
momenti, de Plantatione Regni nostri H
I B E R N I A E , ac potissimum *Ultonia*, ampli
& per celebris ejusdem Regni Prouincia,
quam , nostris jam auxilijs atque armis
feliciter sub obsequij jugum redactam , ita
constabilre elaboramus , vt tanta Prouin
cia, non solum sincero Religionis cultu
humani-

humanitate ciuili, morumque probitate,
 verum etiam opum affluentia, atque om-
 nium rerum copia, que illicum Republicæ
 ornare vel beare possit, magis magisque ef-
 florescat. Opus sane, quod nulli progeni-
 torum nostrorum praetare & perfidere li-
 cuie, quamvis id ipsum multa sanguinis &
 opum profusione sepius tentauerint; In
 quo opere, oblitudo nostra Regia, non so-
 lum ad hoc excubare debet, ut Plantatio
 ipsa strande promouatur, oppida condan-
 tur, sedes & castra extinxantur, agri colan-
 tur, & id genus alia; Sed etiam prospicien-
 dum imprimis, ut uniusius humilmodi re-
 rum ciuilium apparatus, manu armata, pra-
 fidijs videlicet & cohortibus, protegatur &
 communiatur, ne qua aut vis hostilis, aut
 defectio intestina, rem disturbance aut impe-
 diat: Cumque nobis inimicatum sit, ex parte
 quolunda ex fidelibus nostris subditis, quos
 ipsi paratissimi sint ad hoc Regnum nostrum
 incepimus, tam corporibus, quam fortunis
 suis promouendum: Nos communi operis
 tam laici ac salutaris iunctu, arque gratos
 habentes humilmodi generosos affectus, at-
 que

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que propensas ita obsequium nostrum &
bonum publicum voluntates, Statuimus a-
pud nos ipsos nulli rei decessé, quæ subdi-
vum nostrorum studia præfata remuneraro,
aut aliorum animos atque alacritatem, ad
operas suas præstandas, aut impensas in hac
parte faciendas, excitare possit: Itaq; nobis-
cum perpendentes atque reputates, virtutem
& industriam, nullâ alia re magis quam ho-
nore ali atque acui, omnemque honoris &
dignitatis splendorem, & amplitudinem à Re-
ge tanquam à fonte, originem & incremen-
tum ducere, ad cuius culmen & fastigium
propriè spectat, novos honorum & dignita-
tum titulos erigere atque instituere, ut pote à
quo antiqui illi fluxerint; consentaneum
diximus (postulante vnu Republicæ atque
temporum ratione) noua incrita, novis dig-
nitatibus insignibus reperdere: Ac propte-
re, ex certâ scientiâ & mero motu nostris,
Ordinavimus, excludimus, constitutimus, &
creavimus, quendam statum, gradum, dig-
nitatem, honorem & titulum *Baroneti*, (An-
glice *of a Baron*) infra hoc Regnum ho-
num Anglie perpetuis temporibus duratu-

rum S C I A T I S modo quod nos de
 gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia &
 merito motu nostris, eximus, praefecimus &
 creauimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis, He-
 redibus, & successoribus nostris, erigimus,
 praeficimus, & creamus dilectum nostrum
 fiduciā p[ro]p[ri]etatis, in quo de
 in comitatu[rum] s[up]erius supra eam[us]ba virum, fa-
 milia, patrimonio, censu, & morum probi-
 tate spectatum (qui nobis auxilium & sub-
 sidium satis amplum, generoso & liberali
 animo dedit & praestitit, ad manuteneendum,
 & supportandum triginta viros in cohorti-
 bus nostris pedestribus in dicto Regno no-
 stro Hibernie, per tres annos integros pro
 defensione dicti Regni nostri, & principiū
 pro securitate plantationis dictæ Provincie
 Ultonie) ad, & indignitatē, statum, & gra-
 dum Baronettū (Anglice of a Baronet.) Ip-
 sumquecumque oratione & causa Baronettum pro
 nobis, Heredibus, & successoribus nostris,
 praeficimus, constituiimus, & creamus per
 praesentes, habendum sibi, & heredibus mas-
 culis de corpore suo légitime procreatis
 in perpetuum. M[od]I V[er]M[er] V[er] S[an]cti Iann[es] &
 per

per præsentes de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex
 certa scientia & merito motu nostris, pro ho-
 bis, Heredibus, & successoribus nostris con-
 cedimus præfato
 & Herodibus masculis de corpore suo
 legitime procreatis, Quod ipse idem
 & Heredes sui mas-
 culi prædicti habeant, gaudeant, teneant, &
 capiant illocum atque Præcedentiam, vir-
 tute dignitatis Baronetti prædicti, & Vi-
 gore præsentium, tam in omnibus Com-
 missionibus, breuibus, literis patentibus,
 scriptis, appellationibus, nominationibus &
 directionibus, quam in omnibus Sessioni-
 bus, Conuentibus, Cætibus & locis quibus-
 cunque, præ omnibus militibus, tam de
 Balneo, (Anglice of the Bath) quam militi-
 bus Baccalaureis, (Anglice Bachelors) ac
 etiam præ omnibus militibus Bannerettis,
 (Anglice Bannerets) iam creatis, vel im-
 posterum creatidis, (illis militibus Banne-
 rettis tantummodo exceptis, quos sub vexil-
 lis regijs, in exercitu regali, in aperto bello,
 & ipso Rege personaliter pæsente, expli-
 catis, & non alter creari contigerit. Quod-

que vxoris dicti & Hæ-
 dum masculorum suorum prædictorum,
 virtute dictæ dignitatis maritorum suorum
 prædictorum, habeant, teneant, gaudeant,
 & capiant locum & præcedentiam, præ vx-
 oribus omnium aliorum quorumcunq; præ
 quibus mariti huiusmodi vxorū, vigore præ-
 sentium habere debent locum & præceden-
 tiam; atque quod primogenitus filius, ac
 ceteri omnes filij & eorum uxores, & filii
 eiusdem & hæredum suorum
 prædictorum respectuè, habeant, & capi-
 ant locum & præcedentiam, ante primoge-
 nitos filios, ac alios filios & eorum uxores,
 & filias omnium quorumcunque respecti-
 uè, præ quibus patres huiusmodi filiorum
 primogenitorum, & aliosam filiorum, & e-
 orum uxores, & filiarum, vigore præsentium
 habere debent locum & præcedentiam.
 V O L V M V S etiam, & per præsentes pro
 nobis, hæredibus, & successoribus nostris,
 de gratia nostro speciali, ac ex certa scientia,
 & merito motu nostris concedimus, quod
 dictus nominetur, appell-
 letur, nuncupetur, placitet & implacitetur,
 per

per nomen

Baronetti; Et

quod stilus & additio Baronetti apponatur
in fine nominis eiusdem

& hæ-

redum masculorum suorum prædictorum,
in omnibus Literis Patentibus, Commissio-
nibus, & Breuibus nostris, atque omnibus
alijs Chartis, factis, atque literis, virtute
præsentium, ut vera, & legitima, & necessaria
additio dignitatis. Volumus etiam, & per
Præsentes pro nobis, hæredibus, & succe-
soribus nostris ordinamus, quod nomini

dicti & Hæredum mas-
culorum suorum prædictorum, in sermone
Anglicano, & omnibus scriptis Anglicanis,
præponatur hæc additio, videlicet Anglice
(S I R:) Et similiter quod vxores eiusdem

& hæredum masculorum suo-
rum prædictorum, habeant, vtantur, &
gaudeant hac appellatione, videlicet An-
glice (*Lady*, *Madame*, & *Dame*) respectiue,
secundum usum loquendi. Habendum,
tenendum, vtendum, & gaudendum, ea-
dem, statum, gradum, dignitatem, stilum,
titulum, nomen, locum, & præcedentiam,
cum omnibus & singulis Priuilegijs, & cæ-

teris præmissis, præfat. & heredibus masculis de corpore suo exenti-
 bus imperceptum. Volentes & per pra-
 sentes concedentes, pro Nobis Heredibus
 & successoribus nostris, quod prædictus
 & heredes sui masculi præ-
 dicti, noscum, statum, gradum, titulum,
 dignitatem, titulum, locum, & præceden-
 tiam prædictam, cum omnibus & singulis
 Privilijs, & ceteris præmissis successione
 gerant & habeam, & eorum quilibet gerat
 & habeat, quodque idem
 Et Heredes sui Masculi prædicti successus
 Baronetti in omnibus teneantur, Et ut Ba-
 ronetti tractentur & reputentur, Et eorum
 quilibet teneatur, tractetur & reputetur. Et
 veterius de ybriori gratia nostrâ speciali, ac
 ex cetera Scientia & merito motu nostris Con-
 cessimus, ac per praesentes pro Nobis, Her-
 dibus & successoribus nostris concedimus
 præfato. Et Heredibus
 suis masculis prædictis, quod numerus Ba-
 ronettorum huius Regni Angliae nunquam
 posthac excedet in toto, in aliquo vno
 tempore, numerum ducentorum Baronet-
 torum:

tonum : & quod dicti Baronetti, & eorum
Heredes masculi prædicti respectuè de
tempore in tempus in perpetuum, habebunt
tenebunt & gaudēbunt locos & præceden-
tias suas inter se, videlicet, quilibet eorum
secundum prioritatem & senioritatem Cre-
ationis suæ Baronetti prædicti ; quotquot
autem creati sunt, vel creabuntur Baro-
netti per literas nostras Patentes, gerentes
Datas uno & eodem die, & Heredes sui
prædicti, gaudebunt locis & præcedentijs
suis inter se secundum prioritatem, quæ cui-
libet eorum dabitur, per alias literas nostras
patentes in ea parte primo conficiendas,
sine impedimento, & non aliter, nec
alio modo. Et insuper de abundantiori
gratiâ nostrâ speciali, ac ex certa scientiâ
& mero motu nostris concessimus, ac per
præsentes, pro nobis, hæredibus & successo-
ribus nostris concedimus præfato

& hæredibus suis Masculis præ-
dictis, quod nec Nos, nec Heredes vel Suc-
cessores Nostri, de cætero in posterum eri-
gemus, ordinabimus, constituemus, aut cre-
abimus infrâ hoc Regnum nostrum Angliae

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aliquem alium gradum, ordinem, nomen,
titulum, dignitatem, sive statum, sub vel
infra gradum, dignitatem, sive statum **Baro-**
norum, huius Regni nostri **A N G L I Z**, qui
erit vel esse possit superior, vel æqualis gra-
dui & dignitati **Baronettorum** prædictorum,
sed quod tam dictus & **He-**
redes sui Masculi prædicti, quām uxo-
res, filij, uxores filiorum & filiæ eiusdem
& heredum masculorum
suum prædictorum, de cætero in per-
petuum liberè & quietè habeant, teneant, &
gaudent, dignitates, locos & præceden-
tias suas prædictas præ omnibus, qui erunt
de talibus gradibus, statibus, dignitatibus
vel ordinibus in posterum, ut præfertur cre-
andi respectuè secundū veram intentionem
præsentium absq; impedimento nostro, ha-
redū, vel successorum nostrorū, vel aliorum
quorumcunque. Et ulterius per præsentes
declaramus, & significamus beneplacitum
& voluntatem nostram in hac parte fore &
esse, Et sic nobiscum statuimus & decreui-
mus, quod si postquam nos prædictum nu-
merum ducentorum Baronettorum huius
Regni

Regni Angliae compleuerimus & perfec-
rimus, Contigerit aliquem, vel aliquos co-
rundem Baronetorum ab hac vitâ disce-
dere, absque Hære de masculode corpore vel
corporibus huiusmodi *Baronetti* vel Baro-
netorū procreato, quod tunc nos non crea-
bimus, vel præficiemus aliquam aliam per-
sonam, vel personas in Baronettum, vel Ba-
ronetos Regni Nostri Angliae, sed quod
numerus dictorum Ducentorum Baronet-
torum ea ratione de tempore in tempus di-
minuetur, & in minorem numerum cedet &
redigetur; Denique volumus, ac per præ-
sentes, pro nobis, heredibus & successoribus
nostris de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa
scientia & mero motu nostris concedimus
præfato & Hæredibus suis
masculis predictis, quod hæ literæ nostræ
Patentes erunt in omnibus, & per omnia
simæ, validæ, bonæ, sufficietes & effe-
ctuales in lege, tam contra nos, hæredes,
& successores nostros, quam contra om-
nes alios quoscunque secundum veram
intentionem earundem, tam in omni-
bus curiis nostris, quam alibi vbi cunque.

Non obstante aliqua legi, consuetudine, prescriptione, visu, ordinacione, siue constitutione quacunque ante hac edita, habita, visitata, ordinata, siue prouisa, vel in posterum adienda, habenda, visitanda, ordinanda, vel promulganda: Et non obstante aliqua altera, causa vel materia quacunque. Volumus etiam, &c. Absque sine in Hanaperio, &c. Eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cuius rei, &c. Teste, &c.





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James, by the grace
of God, King of
England, Scotland,
France and Ireland,

Defender of the Faith, &c.
To all to whom these presents shall
come, Greeting. Know ye that We haue
made a certaine Ordinance Establishing
and finall Decree, whereof the tenor follow-
eth in these words.

At the Palace of the Baronne

*The Decree and Establishment
of the Kings Maiestie, vpon a contouersie of
Precedence, betwene the yonger sonnes of Vis-
counts and Barons, and the Baronets; And
touching some other points also concerning, as well
Bannerets, as the said Baronets.*

THE Kings most Excellent Maiestie, hauing vpon the Petition, and sub-
mission of both parts, taken into his Royall audience and censure, a certayne con-
trouersie, touching place and Precedence, betwene the yonger sonnes of Viscounts,
and Barons, and the Baronets, (being a de-
gree by his Maiestie newly created) which
contouersie did arise vpon an inferrenee
only out of some darke words contained
in the Letters Patents of the said Baronets:
And hauing in person heard both parts,
and their learned Counsell, three severall
daies at large after information taken from
the Heralds, and due consideration of such
proofes as were produced on both sides, hath
declared and decreed as followeth:

HIS Maiestie well weighing that the
Letters Patents of the Baronets
haue

haue no speciall clause or expresse wordes
to giue vnto them the saide Precedence ;
And beeing a witnessse vnto himselfe
(which is a testimonie aboue all exception)
that his Princely meaning was onely to
grace , and aduance this new Dignitic of his
Maiesties erection ; but not therewithall
any wayes to wrong tacitely, and obscurely a
third partie, such as the yonger sonnes of Vis-
counts and Barons are , in that which is a
flower of their fathers Nobilitie :

And haing also had the attestation of
the Lords of his Priuie Councell, who did
declare that the Precedence (after debate and
deliberation , while the Patent of the Baro-
nets was in consultation) was with one con-
sent resolved and ordered for the yonger
sonnes of the Viscounts, and Barons :

And finding also that the clause where-
by the Precedence is challenged by the
Baronets , as by a kinde of consequence in
regard of place giuen vnto them aboue
some Bannerets , doeth not warrant their
claimes (forasmuch as the Precedence be-
tweeue the Bannerets themselves , and the
yonger

yoner sonnes of Viscounts and Barons, appa-
reth not to haue behergular or certaine,
but full of confusyon and variety, and there-
fore not sufficient wherupon to ground
such their pretence) but being chieflie mo-
ued by the clearenesse of his Maiesties Roy-
all intent, and meaning, and the explanation
thereof by his Counioell, (which his Royall
meaning doth, and ever must leade his Ma-
iesties judgement in the interpretation of his
owne Actes,) hath finally sentenced, adju-
ged, and establisched, that the yonger sonnes
of Viscounts, and Barons, shall take
place and Precedence before all Baronets
and Barons, to whom the said yonger sonnes
of Viscounts and Barons, and

AND further, (the better to settle, and
cleare also all question of Precedence
that may concerne the richer Banniers, for the
yoner sonnes of Viscounts and Barons, or
the said Baronets, either as they haue rela-
tion amongst themselves, or towards o-
thers respectively) His Maiestie for himselfe,
his heires and successours, doeth ordaine
and establishe, that such Banniers, as shall
be

be made by the Kings Majestie, His heires
and successors vnder this or their Standard,
displayed in tans Armes Royalles in open
warre, and the King personally present; for
the terme of the liues of such Bannerets,
and no longer, (according to the most an-
cient, and noble institution) shall for euer
hereafter in all places, and vpon all occasions
take place, and Precedence, as well be-
fore all other Bannerets whatsoeuer, (no re-
spect being had to the time, and priority of
their creation) as likewise before the yunger
sonnes of Viscounts and Barons, and also be-
fore all Baronets, to whiche addyng

And againe, that the yunger sonnes of
Viscounts and Barons, and also all Baro-
nets, shall in all places, and vpon all occa-
sions, take place and Precedence before all
Bannerets whatsoeuer, other then such as
shall bee made by the King himselfe, his
heires and successors in person, and in
such speciall case, manner and forme as a-
foresaid, and biforn, for a singular honour to
the person of the most high and excellent

Prince HENRY now Prince of Wales, his
Maiesties eldest sonne; aswell the yonger
sonnes of the Viscounts, and Barons, as the
Baronets, haue freely and voluntarily con-
sented and agreed at the hearing of the
said cause, in the presence of his Maiestie,
and his Priuie Counsell, and all the heires
to give place and Precedence, to such
Bannerets, as shalbe hereafter made by the
said most noble HENRY, now Prince of
Wales, vnder the Kings Standard displayed in
an Armie Royall in open warre, and the
said Prince there personally present.

Sauing the right of the yonger sonnes
of Viscounts and Barons, and of the said Bar-
onets, and of the heires males of the bodies
of such Baronets, for the time being, in
all other cases according to the effect, and
true intent and meaning of their Letters
Patents and of these presents.

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And his Maiestie doth likewise by these
presents, for himselfe, his heires and
successours ordene, that the Knights of the
most noble order of the Garter, the Prince
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Councilours of his Majestic, his heires
and successours, the Master of the Coart
of Wardes and Liueries, the Chancellour
and vnder-Treasourer of the Exchequer,
Chancellour of the Duchie, the chiefe Iustice
of the Court commonly called the
Kings Bench, the Master of the Rolls, the
chiefe Justice of the Court of Common
Pleas, the chiefe Baron of the Exchequer,
and all other the Judges and Barons of the
degree of the Coife of the saide Courts,
now, and for the time being, shall by rea-
son of such their Honourable order, and
imployment of State and Iustice, haue
place and Precedencie in all places, and vpon
all occasions before the yonger sonnes
of Viscounts and Barons, and before all Ba-
ronets, Any custome, vse, ordinance, or o-
ther thing to the contrary notwithstanding.
But that no other person or persons
whatsoeuer, vnder the degree of Barons of
Parliament, shall take place before the said
Baronets, except onely the eldest sonnes
of Viscounts and Barons, and others of
higher degree, whereof no question euer,

was, or can be made. And so his Mai-
sties meaning is, and accordingly he doth
by these presents, for him, his heires and
successours, ordene and decrete, that the
said Baroetts, and the heires males of their
bodies, shall, in all places, and vpon all oc-
casions, for such haire, hold, and enjoy
their place and Precedencie, next ynde, and
immediately after the yonger sonnes of Vis-
counts and Barons; and that no person or
persons, nor Starre or States of men, shall
haue or take place betweeche them, Any
Constitution, Order, Decree, Office, Ser-
uice, Place, Ampliement, Custom, Vis, or
other thing whatsouer now or hereafter
to the contrary notwithstanding.

And, that the wifes of the saide Baro-
netts, and of the heires males of their bod-
ies, shall, likewise by vertue of the saide
Dignitie of their said husbands, in all place-
es, and vpon all occasions, haue, take and
enjoy, their place and Precedencie during
their liues, next ynde, and immediately after
that place that is due, and belongeth unto
the yonger sonnes of Viscounts

counts and Barons, and to the daughters of such Viscounts and Barons, Any Constitution, Vlc, Custome, Ordinance, or other thing whatsoeuer, now or heereafter to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And further, his Maiestie doth by these presents, for him, his heires and successours, of his certaine knowledge and meere motion, promise and graunt to the said Baronets, and euery of them already created, and heereafter to be created, and the heires males of their bodies, That neither his Maiestie, nor his heires or successours, shall or will at any time heereafter erect, ordaine, constitute or create any other Degree, Order, Name, Title, Stile, Dignitie or State, nor will giue place, Precedencie or preheminence to any person or persons whatsoeuer, vnder or beneath the Degree, dignitie or State of Lords of Parliament of this his Realme of *England*, which shall or may be, or be taken, vscd or accompted to be higher, before, or equall to the Degree, dignitie or place of the said

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Baronets, or any of them. AND therefore his Maiestie doeth for him, his heires and successours ordeine, graunt, and appoint by these presents, that all and every the said Baronets, and their saide heires males, and the wiues sonnes, sonnes wiues, and daughters of the said Baronets, and of their said heires males, shall, and may for euer heereafter, freely and quietly haue, hold, and enjoy their said Dignities, Places, Precedencie, and Priuiledges before all other which are or shall be created of such Decrees, States, Dignities, Orders, Names, Stiles, or Titles, or to whom such place, Precedencie, or Preheminence shall be so giuen as aforesaid; their wiues and childe[n] respectively, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents.

SAUING neuerthelesso to his Maiestie, his heires and successors, full and absolute power and authoritie to continue or restore to any person or persons from time to time such place and precedencie, as at any time heereafter shalbe due vnto them, which by any accident or occasion whatsoever shall

be heereafter changed, any thing in these
presents, or other cause or respect whatso-
ever to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And now though this Precedent decla-
ration doth clearly ridde all questions aris-
ing vpon the Letters Patents, yet his Ma-
iestie hauing vpon the occasion of this con-
trouersie and hearing, and of some of the
Baronets gricuances, propounded out of
their owne mouthes, considered more ma-
turely vpon the points and latitude of their
said Patents, his Maiestie beeing resolued
(as out of his owne roiall mouth it pleased
him to declare vnto them) to ampliate his
fauour, especially where it meetes with
these so well borne and well deseruing Gen-
tlemen, (this dignitic beeing of his Maie-
sties owne erection, and the worke of his
owne handes) his Maiestie is therefore
graciously pleased (not contented with
those markes of his fauour, which alreadie
they enjoy by the wordes of their Patent,
which layeth such a marke of dignitie and
precedence vpon them and their posterity)
further to strengthen and adorne his Ma-
iesties

iesties gracious fauour towards them, with
addition of the priuiledges, preheminencies,
and ornaments ensuing.

First, his Maiestie is pleased to knight the
present Baronets, that are no Knights:
And doeth also by these presents of his
meere motion and fauour, promise and
graunt for him, his heires and successours,
that such Baronets, and the heires males of
their bodies, as hereafter shalbe no Knights,
when they shall attaine, or be of the age of
one and twentie yeares, vpon knowledge
thereof giuen to the Lord Chamberlaine
of the houshold, or Vice-chamberlaine for
the time beeing, or in their absence to any
other Officer attending vpon his Maiestie,
person, shall be knighted by his Maiestie,
his heires and successours.

His Maiestie doth also graunt for him,
his heires and successours, that the Baro-
nets, and their descendants shall and may
beare, either in a Canton in their coate of
Armes, or in an Inscutchion, at their ele-
ction, the Armes of *Visser*, that is, in a field

Argent,

Argent, a hand Gules, or a bloudy hand.

And also, that the Baronets, for the time beeing, and the heires males of their bodies shall haue place in the armes of the Kings Maiestie, his heires and successours, in the grosse, neere about the royll Standard of the King, his heires and successours, for the defence of the same.

And lastly, that the Baronets, and the heires males of their bodies shall haue two assistants of the bodie to support the Pall, a principall mourner, and foure assistants to him at their funerals, being the meane betwixt a Baron and a Knight.

And to the end that euery of the Baronets, and the heires males of their bodies, may haue vpon all occasions present, vse, and proofe of these his Maiesties fauours; His Maiestie is graciously pleased, that as well the Baronets alreadie created, as hereafter to be created, shall and may haue, and take Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England, to the effect of the said former Letters Patents of Creation, and of these presents, either ioynt or seuerall, as they

shall be aduised by the learned Councell
of his Maiestie, his heires and successours,
and according to his Highnesse true intent
and meaning.

In witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our selfe at Westminster, the eight and twentiesh day of May, in the tenth yeere of Our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the fine and fortiesh.

JAMES





A M E S , by the grace
of G O D , King of
England , Scotland ,
France and Freland ,
Defender of the Faith , &c .

To all to whom these presents shall come
greeting . Know yee that whereas We here-
tofore haue ordeined , Erected , Constituted ,
and created the Degree , State , Dignitie ,
Name , and Title , of Baronet ; to continue

for ever within this our Realme of England. And to that end of our speciall Grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion haue (by our severall Letters Patents, vnder the great Scale of England ; in that behalfe made) conferred the same State, Dignitie, and Degree of Baronet, vpon diuers principall Gentlemen of this our Kingdome. And thereby severally, and accordingly created them Baronets. To haue and to hold the same Dignitie, State, and Degree; to them and their severall heires Males of their severall bodies respectiuely. Together with such place and Precedency, to them and to their said heires Males, and to the wiues of them, and of their said heires Males, and to their eldest sonnes, and other their sonnes, and to the wiues of their sonnes, and to their daughters, with such stile, addition and appellation, to them and to their said heires Males: And to their wiues, and the wiues of their said severall heires Males, and with such other priuiledges, aduantages, and covenants, and in such sort, as in and by the said severall Letters Patents doth appeare.

And whereas also of our further Grace
 and fauour, we haue by other our Letters
 Patents vnder our great Seale of England,
 bearing date the eight and twentith day of
 May, in the yeere of our Raigne of England,
 Fraunce, and Ireland, the tenth, and of Scot-
 land, the fift and fortith, farther enlarged
 our gracious fauour towards the same Baro-
 ners, by addition of certaine priuiledges,
 preheminences, and ornaments ; in and by
 our said last recited Letters Pattents made,
 expressed, and granted ; giuing also libertie
 thereby to such Gentlemen, as then were or
 should be created Baronets, to take Letters
 Pattents accordingly vnder our great Seale
 of England, to the effect of the same Letters
 Pattents, and of the said former Letters Pat-
 tents of creation, iointly and seuerally in
 such sort, as in and by the same Letters Pat-
 tents doth and may appeare. We of our
 Princely fauour and gracious disposition,
 vpon all occasions to make knowne, and
 publish the continuance of our fauour and
 good affection, as well towards the Gentle-
 men, whom of our power and grace we haue

aduanced, or shall heereafter aduance, to the
 said Degree, as to the Degree it selfe being a
 matter of our owne creation, doe heereby
 for vs our heires and successors, not onely
 ratifie, confirme, allow, and approue of the
 said Dignitie, State, and Degree of a Baro-
 net, so erected by Vs as aforesaid. And the
 particuler and seuerall Letters Patents made
 by Vs to the seuerall Gentlemen, whom We
 haue thereby created Baronets, together
 with all the benefits, aduantages, rights, and
 priuiledges of place Precedency: and other-
 wise by our said seuerall Letters Pattents, to
 them seuerally graunted, or mentioned to be
 granted: and also all other priuiledges, bene-
 fits, and aduantages; in or by any other our
 Letters Pattents; giuen, granted, mentioned,
 or intended to them. But also of our speciall
 Grace and fauour, certaine knowledge, and
 meere motion, doe for Vs our heires and suc-
 cessors, declare heereby that We imitating
 therein our predecessors and progenitors of
 famous memory, who haue had and put in
 practise the power of creating new Degrees
 amogst their Subjects, haue of our Regall
 power

power and authority erected andordeined
the said Degree of Baronet ; and did then and
yet intend and doe heereby appoint and ex-
presse our will and pleasure to be , and doe
graunt for Vs our heires and successors , that
the same Title, Stile , Dignity , and Degree,
shall be and continue to such Gentlemen, on
whom of our goodnes and fauour We haue
conferred , and shall heereafter conferre the
same and to euery of them , and to the seuer-
all heires Males , of their seuerall bodies,
and that the said Title, Stile , Dignitie , and
Degree of Baronet, shall be, and shall be re-
puted and taken to be a Title, Stile, Dignity,
and Degree of Dignity, Hereditary meane in
place betwixt the Degree of a Baron, and the
Degree of a Knight.

And We doe heereby declare that not
onely such Gentlemen as are or heereafter
shall be Baronets , as a foresaid : and the
heires Males of their bodies, and their wiues,
during their husbands lites, shall haue and
hold such place and Precedency as by our
former Letters Pattents are granted, mentio-
ned, or intended to them , but also their

wiues after the decease of their husbands, shall during their liues haue and hold the like place of Precedency, which they had and held in their husbands liues according to the manner and vsage in other Degrees. And for as much as the Degree of a Baronet, is an Hereditarie Degree in blood, therefore We doe declare; That the eldest sonnes of the same Baronets and their wiues, as well during their husbands liues as after: And the daughters of the same Baronets, the said daughters following next after the said wiues of the eldest sonnes of the same Baronets, shall haue place and Precedency before the eldest sonne, and the wife of the eldest sonne of any Knight of what Degree or order soever: And likewise that the younger sonnes of the same Baronets and their wiues, as well during their husbands liues as after, shall after the same manner haue place and Precedency next after the eldest sonnes, and the wiues of the eldest sonnes, and before the yonger sonnes, and before the wiues of the younger sonnes of any of the Knights aforesaid. And our will and pleasure is, and

We

We doe for Vs our heires and successors
 heereby further grant and appoint, that if
 any doubts or questions not heereby, nor
 by any our recited Letters Patents, cleared
 and determined doe or shall arise, concer-
 ning any place, Precedency, priuiledge, or o-
 ther matter touching or concerning the same
 Baronets, and the heires Males of their bo-
 dies, and their wiues, their eldest sonnes and
 their wiues, their daughters, their yonger
 sonnes, and their yonger sonnes wiues, or
 any of them; such doubts or questions shall
 be decided and determined, by and acording
 to such vsuall rules, custome, and lawes, for
 place Precedency, priuiledge, or other mat-
 ters concerning them as other Degrees of
 Dignity, Hereditary, are ordered and adiud-
 ged. And further of our especiall Grace
 certaine knowledge and meere motion, We
 doe heereby declare and expresse our true in-
 tent and meaning to haue beene, and doe
 heereby promise and graunt for Vs, our
 heires and successors, to and with such Gen-
 tlemen as now be, or at any time heereafter
 shall be Baronets, That so soone as they or

any of them, shall attaine to the age of one and twenty yeeres. And likewise so soone as the eldest sonne or apparant heire Male of the bodies of them, or any of them shall during the life of their Father, or Grandfather, attaine to the age of one and twenty yeeres; and that the said Baronets, or the said eldest sonnes or apparant heires Males, shall be presented to Vs by the Lord Chamberlaine of our housshould, or Vice Chamberlaine for the time being, or in their absence by any other officer attending vpon the person of Vs, our heires or successors to be made Knights, that they and euery of them shall from time to time be made Knights by Vs, our heires and successors accordingly: Provided neuerthelesse that any such eldest sonne of a Baronet being made Knight, shall not during his fathers life take place of any auntienter Knight. And to the end that such as are, or at any time heereafter shall be Baronets, may haue vpon all occasions present vse and proofe of these our fauours: We are farther graciously pleased, that as well such as now are, as also such as at any time heereafter shall be

be Baroners, and euery of them, shall and may at all times heereafter, haue and take Letters Patents vnder our great Seale of England, to the effect of the said forme recited Letters Patents and of these presents. As they shall be aduised by the learned Counsell to Vs, our heires or successors: And according to the true intent and meaning heerein, and in our said severall Letters Patents expressed. *In witness whereof, &c.*

